# FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

Annual Financial Report Year Ended December 31, 2014

A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury

# FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners

Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee
Morganza, Louisiana

### Report on Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA, (the 'District"), component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinions.

### **Opinions**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position

thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

### **Other Matters**

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7, and pages 23 and 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer and Schedule of Taxable Property Valuations are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the pasic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is the responsibility of management and was derived directly from the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Schedule of Taxable Property Valuations has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion, or provide any assurance on it.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated May 28, 2015 on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

W. Kathleen Beard, CPA

May 28, 2015

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is a required component of financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The MD&A is an analysis of the financial condition and operating results of the District written by management. It introduces the basic financial statements and notes. It introduces the basic financial statements and notes. The MD&A should provide an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions.

# Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana

### P. O. BOX 66 MORGANZA, LOUISIANA 70759

### MISSION STATEMENT

The District has the responsibility of providing services to the citizens of Fire Protection of District No. 2 in the protection of life and property from the perils of fire and other emergencies, through execution of the latest methods of rescue, first aid, and firefighting.

The District is a volunteer fire service organization maintaining an administration and two fire stations

The District is dedicated to the preservation of life and property in the community and to continuously improve the capability and delivery of its public service.

Tie District will manage its fire service task with the highest regard for humanity, safety, property preservation, the environment, cost, and community well-being.

### INTRODUCTION

This annual report consists of:

Our independent auditor's report on the financial statements in which she rendered an unqualified opinion.

Management's discussion and analysis which provides in plain language an overview of our financial activities for the year.

The basic financial statements which consists of government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements, and the notes to those financial statements.

The comparison of actual operations for the year compared to the budget

A schedule of taxable property valuations for the District which indicates the economic growth in the District since inception of the District in 1982.

Our independent auditor's report on the District's compliance with laws and regulations and how management applied internal controls over its financial operations. The result of her tests and observations did not indicate any violations that he considered to be in noncompliance or conditions that required to be disclosed that could affect our operations.

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, we are pleased to provide an overview of our financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. The intended

purpose of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is to provide an introduction to the basic financial statements and notes, that provides an objective and easy to read analysis of our financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, and conditions, by providing an easily readable summary of operating results and reasons for changes, which will help to determine if our financial position improved or deteriorated over the past year. This report addresses current operational activities the sources, uses, and changes in resources, adherence to budget, service levels, limitations significant economic factors, and the status of infrastructure and its effects on our debt and operation. When referring to prior years data in this analysis we will be drawing upon information from last years' audited financial report.

### Financial Highlights

- The District's net positions increased by \$152,145 from \$1,678,463 in 2013 to \$1,830,608 in 2014.
- Ad valorem taxes decreased from \$133,110 to \$127 968 when Tax Values decreased from \$28 043,050 in 2013 to \$24,787,780 in 2014.
- Revenues from the quarter cent sales tax that went into effect on July 1, 2005. Monthly averaged for year 2013 was \$14,309 increased from \$13,544 in 2014.
- Cash and investments increased by \$239,196 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

### Overview of the Basic Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements which are comprised of four components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, (3) notes to the financial statements, and (4) other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

### Government-Wide Financial Statements (Full Accrual Basis)

The Government-Wide Finar.cial Statements, presented on pages 8 and 9 are designed to provide reacers with a broad overview of both long-term and near-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

These are two statements of the government-wide statements:

- The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.
- 2. The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods. The District's Government-wide Financial Statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The District's sole operation of fire protection is classified as governmental activities

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has only one fund which is categorized as a governmental fund.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds, presented on pages 10 thru 12 are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term effect of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental Fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget, A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the District's operations to demonstrate compliance with this budget

### Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes, presented on pages 13 thru 22, provide additional narrative and tabular information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

### Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's budgetary control, on pages 23 and 24. A tabulation of taxable properly valuations is presented on page 25 as supplementary information to assist the reader in understanding the economic growth of the District and the effect it has on operations and fire protection ratirigs.

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Accrual Basis)

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. At the end of the most recent year, the assets of the District exceeded its liabilities by \$1,830,608.

The District's total assets are mainly composed of \$972,027 (52.90%) in cash and investments and \$729,068 (39.67%) investment in capital assets (land, buildings, vehicles and equipment, etc.). The District uses these capital assets to provide fire protection services to residents and businesses that encompasses the area from Morganza Spillway Control Structure to Pointe Coupee Central School to Ravenswood, consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported ner of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources because the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets, \$1,101,540, may be used to meet the District's future operations.

### SUMMARY OF NET POSITION

	2014	2013	% Change
Current and other assets	\$ 1,108,388	\$ 880,158	25.93%
Capital assets (net)	729,068	808,152	-9.79%
Total assets	1,837,457	1,688,311	8.83%
Current and other liabilities (includes short-term lease) Long-term lease obligations	6,849	9,848	-30.45%
Total Liebilit es	6,849	9,848	-30.45%
Net position			
Investment in capital assets	729,068	808,152	-9.79%
Unrestricted	1,101,540	870,311	26.57%
Total net position	\$ 1,830,608	\$ 1,678,463	9.06%

The District's total revenues increased by 1.30% from \$305,383 in 2013 to \$309,360 in 2014. Total expenses decreased by 8.37% from \$171,580 in 2013 to \$157,216 in 2014.

### SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION

		2014		2013	% Change
Revenue:	-		•		
Taxes	\$	127,968	\$	133.110	-3.86%
Intergovernmental revenue		180,579		171.561	5.26%
Interest earned		813		712	14,19%
Loss on disposal of capital assets		-		-	100.00%
Total revenues	-	309,360		305,383	1.30%
Expenses:					
Operating		78,132		78,327	-0.25%
Interest on long-term debt		-		-	-100%
Depreciation		79,085		93,253	-15.19%
Total expenses	-	157,216		171,580	-8.37%
Total Change in net position	\$	152,144	\$	133,803	13 71%

### **GCVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting (modified accrual) to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The focus of the District's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of resources that are available for spending. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year. The fund balance of the District increased by \$231,229 during the current year.

### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District's annual budget is the legally adopted expenditure control document of the District. A budgetary comparison statement is required and can be found on pages 23 and 24. This statement compares the original adopted budget, the budget if amended throughout the year, and the actual expenditures prepared on a budgetary basis.

Actual revenues of \$309,361 exceeded budgeted revenues of \$299,150 by \$10,211 while actual expenditures of \$78,132 were unexceeded budgetary expenditures of \$113,595 by \$35,463.

### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the District had \$729,068 and \$808,132, respectively, invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Further detail on capital assets is presented in Note 7 on page 20.

During the year, \$-0- was acquired in capita- assets (building repairs and scuba gear).

### **ECCNOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**

The District serves a population estimated at 1,700. Although the District does not have paid firefighters, through the efforts of approximately 35 volunteers, the District has attained a IRC Rating of 4. The insurance rates for the taxpayers in the District were lowered due mainly to acquisitions and improvements to equipment and the efforts of the volunteer firemen.

Management considered the following factors when setting the budget for the year ended December 31, 2015:

- The District does not an icipate any grants for acquisitions
- The capital outlay budget includes \$356,500

Such long range projections assist management in evaluating acquisitions or replacements to keep the fire insurance rating at a level that will return fire protection and an economic benefit to its taxpayers.

### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with ar. interest in the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mark Ramagos, Commissioner for the Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana at (225) 694-3655.

### **Basic Financial Statements**

The Government-Wide Financial Statements, presented on pages 8 "Statement of Net Position" and 9 "Statement of Activities", are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The Statement of Net Position includes capital assets and long-term debt and the Statement of Activities include depreciation as an expense of operations.

The Governmental Fund, presented on pages 10 "Balance Sheet", 11 "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance" and are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements except that the Balance Sheet does not report capital assets or long-term debt and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance includes capital acquisitions, annual debt service, and excludes depreciation as presented on page 12 "Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities.

### Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component L nit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Statement of Net Position December 31, 2014

	Governr	nental Activities
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	691,201
Investments		280,826
Receivables		
Taxes - Ad valorem		122,422
Intergovenmental		13,642
Accrued interest on investments		297
Capital assets:		
Non-depreicable:		39,675
Depreciable (net)		689,393
Total Capital Assets (net)		729,068
Total assets		1,837,457
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,474
Amount due Sheriff's retirement system		5,374
Total liabilities		6,849
NET POSITION:		
Net investment in capital assets		729,068
Unrestricted		1,101,540
Total net position	\$	1,830,608

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

### Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Functions/Programs	<u>Ex</u>	<u>penses</u>		P les for rices	Op Gra	n Revenuerating nts and ributions	Ca Gran	pital	Net	(Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental activities - Public safety	\$	157,216	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(157,216)
Total governmental activities		157,216		-					. <u>–</u>	(157,216)
			Genera	al reve	nues					
			Ad v	alorem	taxes					127,968
			Publ	ic safe	ty sale:	s and use	tax			171,712
			–	insurar						7,231
				e reven		•				1.611
				stment						813
			Mis	cellane	ous inc	come				25
			٦	Fotal ge	eneral	revenues				309,360
				Chanç	ge in n	et positio	n			152,144
			Net po	sition,	Janua	ıry 1,				1,678,463
			Net po	sition,	Decei	mber 31,			\$	1,830,608

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

### Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Balance Sheet

### Governmental Funds - General Fund December 31, 2014

ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	691,201 280,826
Receivables -		200,020
Taxes - Ad valorem		122,422
Intergovernmental		13,642
Accrued interest on investments		297
Total Assets		\$1,108,389
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,474
Amount due Sheriff's retirement system	*	5,374
Total Liabilities		6,849
Fund Balances -		4 404 540
Unassigned		1,101,540
Total Fund Balances		1,101,540
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	1,108,389
	<u> </u>	
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position		
Fund Balances - total governmental funds	\$	1,101,540
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources therefore are not reported in governmental funds		
Governmental capital assets		1,549,713
Less: accumulated depreciation		(820,645)
		729,068

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Net Position of Governmental Activities

1,830,608

# Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds - General Fund For the Year ended December 31, 2014

REVENUES:		
Taxes -		
Ad valorem	\$	127,968
Intergovernmental -		
Parish sales ::ax apportionment		171,712
State fire insurance rebate		7,231
State revenue sharing		1,611
Investment income		813
Miscellaneous income		25
Total revenues		309,361
EXPENDITURES: Current		
Public safety		78,132
Capital outlay		-
Total expenditures		78,132
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		231,229
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
, ,	·	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Net Change in Fund Balances		231,229
FUND BALANCE:		
Beginning of Year		870,311
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End of Year	\$	1,101,540

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year ended December 31, 2014

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Net Change in Fund Balances - total governmental funds	\$ 231,229
Amounts reported for governmental activities in Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:	
Expenditures for capital assets Less current year depreciation	 (79,085) (79,085)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 152,144

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

### **NOTE 1 - INTRODUCTION**

On July 14, 1981, the 4th Ward Fire Protection District of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana was re-designated Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee (the "District") by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury under authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1491. The District operates under a commission form of government and provides fire protection services to all the territory situated within the limits of Pointe Coupee Election Districts 3, as said Election District was constituted in 1981. The District has two employees. Labor is furnished through a intergovernmental service agreement with the local volunteer firefighters.

### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999.

### Reporting Entity

As stated previously, the District was created by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in 1981 and is a political subdivision of the Pointe Coupee Parish Policy Jury. The District does not possess all of the corporate powers necessary to make it a legally separate entity from the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, which holds the District's corporate powers. For this reason, the District is a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity.

In accordance with LRS 40:1494, the District is managed by a board of five commissioners. Two commissioners are appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and two are appointed by the Village of Morganza. These four commissioners then appoint the fifth to act as chairperson.

GASB Statement No. 14, The Reporting Entity, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the financial statements must present the District (primary government) and its components. Pursuant to this criterion, no component units were identified for inclusion in the accompanying financial statements.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

### Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of Proprietary Fund financial statements but differs from the manner which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is reported in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

The governmental funds are accounted for on the "flow of current financial resources" measurement focus. This measurement focus is based on the concept of accountability, which includes measuring inter-period equity whether current year revenues were sufficient to pay for the current year services.

### Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are those through which the District functions are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial resources rather than upon determination of net income. The following are the District's major Governmental Funds:

### General Fund

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Ad valorem taxes revenues, revenues from parish sales tax and revenue sharing, state fire insurance rebate and other receipts not allocated by law or contractual agreement to other funds are accounted for in this fund. Similarly, general operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs are paid from this fund.

### **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-v/ide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Accrual Basis - Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Property taxes are reported in the period for which levied. Other non-exchange revenues, including intergovernmental revenues and grants, are reported when all eligibility requirements have been met. Fees and charges and other exchange revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Modified Accrual -Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Significant revenues susceptible to accrual include ad valorem taxes, reimbursable-type grants and interest on investment. The District considers all revenue (with the exception of the expenditure-driven grants) as available if they are collected within sixty (60) days after year end. Intergovernmental revenues and grants are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met and the revenues are available. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, which are recognized when due and payable. The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

### Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

### Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Under state law, the District may ceposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with a bank organized under Louisiana law, or of any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

State statutes authorize the District to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, or certificates or time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days.

Cash deposits and investments are reported at carrying amount which reasonably estimates fair value.

### Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received.

### Inventories and Prepaids

Immaterial inventories for supplies, and expenditures for insurance or similar services that extend over more than one reporting period are accounted for as expenditures in the period paid.

### Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

The District's property and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. The District generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$500 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Uniforms and protective gear which are susceptible to excessive wear and tear and fire code regulations are expense when incurred.

When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets as follows:

Building	40 Years
Vehicles	15 Years
Firefighting equipment and tools	10 Years
Radios and paging equipment	10 Years
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	25 Years
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5 - 12 Years

### Long-Term Obligations/Capital Leases

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and capital lease commitments are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize the face amount of the debt issued as other financing sources and the repayment of debt as debt service expenditures.

### Fund Equity and Net Position

Government-wide net position displayed in three components:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets
- Restricted net position Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation
- Unrestricted net position All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

Restricted or unrestricted net position is considered spent when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

### Property Taxes

All taxable property located within the State of Louisiana is subject by law to taxation on the basis of its assessed valuation. The assessed value is determined by the Parish Assessor, except for public utility property which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution provided that, beginning in 1978, all land and residential property were to be assessed at 10% of fair market value; agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to be assessed at 10% of "use" value; and all other property is to be assessed at 15% of fair market value. Fair market values are determined by the elected assessor of the parish and are subject to review and final certification by the Louisiana Tax District. The assessor is required to re-appraise all property very four years.

The Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish, as provided by State Law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Parish. By agreement, the Sheriff receives a commission of approximately 4.30%. The millage rates are adopted in late October. The taxes are levied and notices are mailed out in mid-November of the year. All taxes are due by December 31 of the year and are delinquent on January 1 of the next year, which is also the lien date.

State Law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. If taxes are not paid by the due date of December 31, the taxes bear interest at one and one-fourth percent (1.25%) per month until the taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied and become due. The majority of the year's taxes are usually collected in November and December of the year. Any amounts not collected at December 31 are shown as accounts receivable. For the year ended December 31, 2014, taxes of \$139,783 were levied on property with taxable valuations totaling \$27,089,690 at the rate of 5.160 mills. Taxes are levied for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the Fire Protection District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In December 2010, the GASB issued Statement 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. GASB 63 provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures.

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. The District has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

### NOTE 3 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Governmental revenue and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a formal integrated budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements, which govern the District's operations.

The budget has been adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles - modified accrual basis. Budgetary comparisons presented in this report are on this budgetary basis. Unencumbered appropriations for annually budgeted funds lapse at fiscal year end.

The appropriated budget is prepared on a detailed line item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source and expenditures are budgeted by function. Budget revisions at this level are subject to final review by the Board. The legal level of control is by function within the General Fund. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at this level. Revisions to the budget were made throughout the year.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$10,211, or 3.4%. The increase in revenue was due to an increase in sales tax received in 2014. Additionally, actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by \$35,463, or 68.8% due to no capital expenditures.

### NOTE 4 - CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

At December 31, 2014, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$691,201:

	 2014
Demand deposits	\$ 691,201

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by Federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2014, the District has \$691,628 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$441,628 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 2).

### **INVESTMENTS**

Investments are categorized into these three categories of custodial credit risk:

- 1. Insured or registered, or securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name.
- 2. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counter party's trust department or agent in the entity's name.
- 3. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counter party, or by its trust department or agent but not in the entity's name

At December 31 2014 the District had investment balances as follows:

						C	Total				
		Catego	ry		Fai	r	Amortized			C	arrying
Type of Investment	1	2		3	Va.	lue	Cost	Co	st		Amount
Certificate of Deposits	\$ 280.82	26 <b>\$</b>	- S	-	\$	280.826	N/A	S	280.826	5	280,826
Беролез		<u> </u>	<u> </u>				\$				
Total Investments	\$ 280,82	26 \$	- \$		\$	280,826	-	5	280,826	_5	280,826

### NOTE 5 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

The following amounts are due from other governmental entities at December 31, 2014:

Pointe Coupee Parish Sales Tax S 13,642

### NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets follows, current depreciation of \$79,085 is reported Public safety -- fire expense:

	Balance 12/31/2013	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance 12/31/2014
Governmental Activities				
Non-depreciable: Land	\$ 39,675	\$ - 5	5 - 5	39,675
Total Non-depreciable	39,675	-	-	39,675
Depreciable:				
Buildings	144,783	=	=	144,783
Vehicles	1,049,167	-	-	1,049,167
Firefighting equipment and tools	179,029	-	-	179,029
Radios and paging equipment	127,434	-	-	127,434
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	4,765	-	-	4,765
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	4,860			4,860
Total Depreciable	1,510,037	-		1,510,038
Total Capital Assets	1,549,712	•	-	1,549,713
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(46,067)	(5,543)	-	(51,610)
Vehicles	(499,278)	(60,785)	-	(560,064)
Firefighting equipment and tools	(155,021)	581	-	(154,440)
Radios and paging equipmen:	(32,604)	(12,743)	-	(45,348)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(4,206)	(400)	-	(4,607)
Fire hydrants and water supply lines	(4,382)	(194)	<u>-</u>	(4,576)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(741,560)	(79,085)		(820,645)
Total Depreciable, net	768,477			689,393
Capital Assets, net	\$ 808,152	:		5 729,068

Depreciation ex	pense charged	to functions of the	primary ;	government	as follows:
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Public safety - fire \$ 79,085

### NOTE 7 - FUND BALANCE REPORTING

GASB 54 categorizes fund balance as either nonspendable or spendable. Nonspendable is defined as the portion of fund balance that includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Spendable is defined as a hierarchy of fund balance classifications that is available to be spent based on the element to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources:

- Restricted fund balance is constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District had no restricted fund balance.
- Committed fund balance can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Commissioners. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The District had no committed fund balance.
- Assigned fund balances that are constrained by the Board of Commissioners to be used for a specific purpose. The District's Board of Commissioners has not assigned any amounts at year-end.
- Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

The District's General Fund's fund balance of \$1,101,540 was classified as unassigned at year end.

Because the District has only unassigned fund balances it has not adopted policies regarding the order of use.

### NOTE 8 - RISK RETENTION

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees employee medical insurance; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for risks of loss or damage to property, general liability, and medical insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in 2014 from coverage in the prior years. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in the past three fiscal years.

### **NOTE 9 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS**

There were no judgments, claims or similar contingencies pending against the District at December 31, 2014.

### NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the District has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 28, 2015, the date the financial statements were issued.

### NOTE 11 - COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, compensation paid to board members is as follows:

### Members of The Board of Commissioners:

	S	<u>alary</u>
Eugene Serio, Chairman	S	360
Mark Ramagos, Secretary-Treasurer		3,360
Lyndon Leonards		360
Martin Frey		360
Michael Neal		360
		4,800

### Required Supplementary Information

The following Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund is required by GASB 34. The schedule presents the original adopted budget and final budget for the fiscal year and compares the final budget to actual operations of the District.

State Law requires the District to amend it's budget when projected actual revenues and surplus is 5% below the adopted budget or when projected actual expenditures exceed 5% of the adopted budget.

# Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Buclgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budget Amounts Original/Final	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis (See Note 1)	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
Revenues			
Taxes -			
Ad valorem	130,000	127.968	(2,032)
Intergovernmental -			,
Parish sales tax apportionment	160,000	171,712	11,712
State fire insurance rebate	6,500	7.231	731
State revenue sharing	1,800	1,611	(189)
Miscellaneous revenues -	,		, ,
Interest earned	850	813	(37)
Other	_	25	25
Total Revenue	299,150	309,361	10.211
Expenditures			
Current operations -			
Administrative -			
Board Members' Per Diem	1,500	1,440	60
Administrative salaries	6,720	6,720	-
Payroll taxes - FICA	625	624	1
Audit fee	6,000	6,000	· .
Accounting fees	2,500	2,975	(475)
Tax collector fees	6,000	5,432	568
•	3,000	1,575	1,425
Computer support Communications - 911		7,884	2,116
	10,000	7,004	2,110
Publishing and printing	500	53	447
Bank charges	500	804	(304)
Office supplies & postage Telephone	1,500	1,319	181
Miscellaneous	1,250	178	1,072
	40,095	35,005	5,090
Total administrative	40,095	35,005	5,080
Training -	4 000		1.000
Training classes	1,000	-	1,000
Fire prevention & promotion	1,000	-	1,000 1,000
Subscriptions  Total training	1,000	-	
Total training Vehicle Maintenance -	3,000	-	3,000
Vehicle Maintenance - Vehicle - fuel and oil	1,000	1,381	(381)
		3,979	1,021
Vehicle - maintenance & repair Total vehic e maintenance	5,000	5,360	640
	6,000	5,300	040
Equipment maintenance -	2.500	000	1.502
Equipment - maintenance & repair	2,500	908	1,592
SCBA tests and repairs	3,500	3,588	3,500 <b>412</b>
Hose testing	4,000		
Hydrant testing	4,000	2,940 2,107	1,060 (1,107)
Radios/pagers - maintenance & repair	1,000 2,000	2,107	(564)
Supplies and small equipment			
Firehouse software upgrade	1,000	1,155	(155)
Total equipment maintenance	18,000	13,262	4,738

# Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Δ	Budget mounts ginal/Final	Bu	tual Amounts dgetary Basis See Note 1)	Final	nce with Budget (Under)
Building & grounds maintenance -						
Building maintenance & repair		5,000		1,015		3,986
Utilities		3,000		3,016		(16)
Total building & grounds maintenance		8,000		4,031		3,969
Insurance -						
Vehicles		15,000		14,602		398
General liability		5,000		4,593		407
Accident and sickness		1,500		1,279		221
Total insurance		21,500		20,474		1,026
Supplies -						
Uniforms and jackets		500		-		500
Total supplies		500		-		500
Capital outlay -						
Buildings		2,500		-		2,500
Firefighting equipment and tools		10,000		-		10,000
Uniforms and protective gear		4,000		-		4,000
Total capital outlays		16,500		-		16,500
Total expenditures		113,595		78,132		35,463
Excess Revenues over (under) expenditure		185,555		231,229		45,674
Fund balance, January 1	\$	836,148	\$	870,311		(34,163)
Fund Balance, December 31	\$	1,021,703	\$	1,101,540	\$	11,511

### Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule:

- 1. The Budget is prepared using the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting (GAAP)
- 2. There were no amendments to the 2014 Budget

# **Other Information**

# FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATIONS SINCE INCEPTION (UNAUDITED)

					Tax to be		
	Mills	Assessed	Homestead	Taxable	Paid by	Homestead	Total
Year	Levied	Value	Value	Value	Taxpayer	Exemption	Tax
1982	3.00	\$9,844,498	\$1,572,051	\$8,272,447	\$24,818	\$4,716	\$29,534
1983	3.00	11,546.004	1,568,652	9,977,352	29,932	4,706	34.638
1984	3.00	9,048,974	1,600,534	7,448,440	22,346	4,802	27,147
1985	3.00	12,170,902	1,608,671	10,562,231	31,687	4,826	36,513
1986	4.01	9,524,387	1,626,432	7,897,925	31,671	6,523	38,194
1987	4.C1	8,599,802	1,634,263	6,965,539	27,932	6,554	34,487
1988	4.01	8,780,793	1,504,641	7,276,152	29,177	6,034	35,212
1989	4.01	8,954,817	1,507,232	7,447,585	29,865	6,045	35,910
1990	4.01	7,964,444	1,487,812	6,476,632	25,971	8,967	31,938
1991	4.01	8,699,622	1,478,362	7,221,260	28,957	5,929	34,886
1992	3.56	9,730,755	1,508,185	8,222,570	29,272	5,369	34,642
1993	3.43	10,217,576	1,476,375	8,741,201	29,983	5,064	35,047
1994	3.43	10,041,022	1,510,806	8,530,216	29,259	5,182	34,442
1995	3.43	9,685,747	1,552,866	8.136,881	27,910	5,327	33,237
1996	3.33	10,105,490	1,666,851	8.442,639	28,115	5,551	33,666
1997	3.46	10,007,485	1,703,636	8,303,849	28,732	5,895	34,626
1998	3.69	9,483,904	1,724,425	7,759,479	28,633	6,364	34,997
1999	3.69	9,705,504	1,724,360	7,981,144	29,451	6,363	35,815
2000	4.82	10,201,106	1,819,110	8,381,996	40,402	8,768	49,170
2001	4.82	9,812,471	1,888,340	7,924,131	38,195	9,102	47,297
2002	4.82	9,664,547	1,930,545	7,734,002	37,278	9,306	46,584
2003	4.82	11,840,202	1,912,140	9,928,062	47,854	9,217	57,070
2004	5.03	13,942,695	2,038,490	11,904,205	59,878	10,254	70,133
2005	5.12	14,419,505	2,045,660	12,373,845	63,354	10,474	73,827
2006	5.12	17,735,696	2,080,930	15,654,766	80,152	10,654	90,807
2007	5.12	19,236,525	2,144,110	17,092,415	87,513	10,978	98,491
2008	4.37	22,343,958	2,261,120	20,082,838	87,762	9,881	97,644
2009	4.37	19,365,215	2,288,920	17,076,295	74,624	10,003	84,627
2010	4.54	20,197,035	2,282,370	17,914,665	81,333	10,362	91,695
2011	5.00	19,516,925	2,266,040	17,250,885	86,254	11,330	97,585
2012	5.16	24,994,930	2,259,710	22,735,220	117,314	11,660	128,974
2013	5.16	28,043,050	2,249,260	25,793,790	133,096	11,606	144,702
2014	5.16	24,787,780	2,301,910	27,089,690	127,905	11,878	139,783

# Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana A Component Unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer

### December 31, 2014

### Agency Head Name: Eugene Serio, Chairperson

Amo	ount
\$	360
	0
	0
	24
	0
	0
	0
	0
	0
	0
	0
	0
	0
\$	384
	\$ \$

# Other Reports Required By Government Audit Standards

The following pages contain a report on compliance with laws and regulations and on internal control over financial reporting as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report is based solely on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control or compliance matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee Morganza, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated May 28, 2015.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employee, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly. I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

W. Kathleen Beard, CPA

May 28 2015

## Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana Current Year Findings and Responses For the Years Ended December 31, 2014

### **Summary of Audit Results**

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Material Weaknesses □Yes ■ No Significant deficiencies □ Yes ■ No

Noncompliance Material to the Financial Statements □Yes ■ No

Federal Awards

N/A - Federal awards below \$500,000 thresh hold required by OMB Circular A- 133

Management Letter

No management letter was issuec.

### Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana Prior Year Findings and Responses For the Years Ended December 31, 2014

### Section I – Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

No Findings